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Treasury, as such a course is opposed to the statutory rules issued by the Governor-General in Council with the previous approval of the Secretary of State in Council.

Repayment of deposits can, according to the rule laid down in article 351 of the Madras Financial and Account Code, be made only on the appearance and on the receipt of the person entitled to it, although in the case of deposit amounts which do not exceed Rs. 100, repayment may be made by money order.

In the case of lapsed civil court deposits, notices are usually given to parties through the *Fort St. George Gazette* or District Gazette, a month before the date of the lapsing of the sums to Government.

The Government do not consider it necessary to modify the existing rules, as it is primarily for the party concerned to make arrangements for receiving the amount due to him, and as the adoption of the course suggested is open to *obvious objection*.

Railways

Construction of a new railway to connect Bhadrachalam with the Madras-Calcutta main line.

*1021 *Q.*—Mr. D. Narayana Raju: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct a new railway line connecting Bhadrachalam with the Madras-Calcutta main line either at Ellore or at Nidadavole in the West Godavari district; and

(*b*) if so, in what stage the said proposal is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) An Engineering Reconnaissance Survey has been carried out for a line of railway from Ellore to a point on the Godavari river opposite the mouth of the Sabari river, a distance of about 70 miles. No decision can be arrived at until a Traffic Survey of the Ellore-Sabari Valley Railway for which the Railway Board's sanction has been applied for, is carried out.

Mr. D. Narayana Raju:—"May I know, Sir, whether the relative advantage of taking a new railway line from Nidadavole to Sabari Valley instead of from Ellore to Sabari Valley has been considered, and if not, whether Government propose to advise the authorities concerned to examine the matter?"

The hon. Mr. T. E. Moir:—"I must ask for notice, Sir."

Alleged inconveniences in Railway stations in the M. & S. M. Railway.

*1022 *Q.*—Mr. C. Venkatarangam Nayudu: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government Inspector of Railways has been drawn to the inconvenience and risk of falling into the railway line on account of the distance that separates the platform from the footboard of railway carriages at Mailpati Railway station of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway;